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SUBJECT: Railroad Abandonment, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Roseau, Minnesota

Honorable Anne Quinlan
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can certify the referenced abandonment precludes the need to replace a railroad bridge as part of the Flood Risk Management, Roseau River, Roseau, Minnesota, project. The cost for this replacement would have been borne entirely by the public and was most recently estimated at \$3.3 million rather than the \$1.3 million indicated in Minnesota Northern Railroad's petition.

Further questions can be referred to me by telephone at (651) 269-3892 or by email at paul.r.kosterman@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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